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SUBJECT: IRC PROGRAM IN THAILAND

REF: (A) STATE 020572; (B) GENEVA 00863

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT UNHCR HAS MISSED THE POINT OF OUR REFERRAL TO THEM OF THE PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING THE IRC MEDICAL PROGRAM IN THAILAND. WE DO NOT CONSIDER THE IRC PROGRAM AS A NICE TO HAVE LUXURY BUT RATHER AS ONE WAY TO MEET AN URGENT AND BASIC NECESSITY FOR MEDICAL MAINTENANCE OF THE REFUGEES IN THAILAND. WE VIEWED THE SMALLER PORTION OF THE IRC PROPOSAL (37,000 DOLS) TO BE USED FOR TRAINING OF PARAMEDICS AS POSSIBLE FUNDING UNDER THE UNHCR PROGRAM TO MOVE TOWARDS GREATER SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN THE REFUGEE COMMUNITY.

2. THUS, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT, IF UNHCR CHOOSES NOT TO CON-

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TINUE THE IRC PROGRAM, SOME OTHER MEANS WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND TO DELIVER THESE SERVICES TO THE REFUGEES. WE NOTE THAT IRC FUNDED THIS PROGRAM FROM THEIR OWN RESOURCES IN 1975/6. THEY PROPOSE AN IRC CONTRIBUTION IN 1977 OF 93,000 DOLS. IRC DOES NOT FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE THE TOTAL PROGRAM OUT OF THEIR OWN RESOURCES.

3. WHILE D/HA COULD TRANSFER FUNDS DIRECTLY TO IRC OR COULD EARMARK THESE FUNDS THROUGH UNHCR, WE WOULD MUCH PREFER THAT UNHCR DEAL WITH IRC DIRECTLY ON THIS PROGRAM. UNHCR IS IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION TO DETERMINE THE AD-EQUACY OF THE IRC PROPOSAL, ITS COST EFFECTIVENESS VIS-A-VIS OTHER UNHCR INPUTS, ALTERNATE METHODS OF PROVIDING MEDICAL SERVICES AND TO GENERALLY VIEW THE IRC PROGRAM IN THE CONTEXT OF THE TOTAL UNHCR PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF REFUGEES IN THAI CAMPS.

4. WE WOULD HOPE THAT, RATHER THAN SIMPLY TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO IRC, UNHCR WOULD ASSURE THAT THE PROGRAM IS JUSTIFIED AND MAKE SUCH ADJUSTMENTS AS WERE FELT NECESSARY, TO INCLUDE REPLACEMENT OF IRC MEDICAL SERVICES BY SOME OTHER INSTRUMENTALITY IF THIS WERE JUDGED DESIRABLE.

5. MR. ROBERT DEVECCHI OF IRC WILL BE IN GENEVA FEBRUARY 14 AND 15 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THIS PROGRAM WITH UNHCR OFFICIALS. MR. DEVECCHI WILL BE CONTINUING ON TO BANGKOK TO INITIATE IRC OPERATIONS TO PROVIDE JOINT VOLAG FIELD REPRESENTATION IN THAILAND FOR THE INDOCHINESE BOAT CASE PROGRAM. WHILE IN BANGKOK, MR. DEVECCHI WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS THIS PROGRAM WITH UNHCR REGIONAL REP BERTA IF THIS IS DESIRABLE.

6. REQUEST MISSION SHARE THESE THOUGHTS WITH UNHCR PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF DEVECCHI.

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